

visited many parts of Australia for the purpose of making observations on the spot. In 1882, at the request of the South Australian Government, he reported on the mineralogy and botany of the Northern Territory, and in 1894 was a member of the Horn Expedition to the Macdonnell Ranges, Central Australia, on which occasion he took charge of the palæontology and botany. As one of the founders of the Field Naturalists' Section of the Royal Society of South Australia he did much to popularize the natural history of that colony, and nothing pleased him better than to lead one of its outings among the hills and valleys of the Mt. Lofty Ranges. As an author he first came under notice by the well-known appendix, "Recently Discovered Shells, Living and Fossil," which was added to the later editions of Woodward's "Manual of the Mollusca;" while an admirable "Handbook of the Flora of Extra-Tropical South Australia" bears testimony to his botanical knowledge. As showing his varied tastes, for many years he took great interest in a farm in the Nairne district, and more recently became an orchardist near Salisbury, where he had a fine orangery, managed by one of his sons. Finally, we may with safety assert that his place as an all-round naturalist, thoroughly conversant with the flora and fauna, living or extinct, of his adopted land, will probably long remain unfilled.

ALTERATION OF SPECIFIC NAME OF *ÆGOTHELES RUFESCENS*, HALL.

BY ROBERT HALL.

At the June meeting of the Field Naturalists' Club I described, under the name of *Ægotheles rufescens*, a new Owlet Nightjar from North-West Australia (*Vict. Nat.*, vol. xviii., p. 60). Mr. A. J. North, C.M.Z.S., Ornithologist, Australian Museum, has informed me that some time before Count Salvadori used, in the *Ann. Mus. Civ. Genova*, 2nd series, vol. xvi., p. 71 (1896), the same specific name for a Nightjar from the Owen Stanley Ranges, New Guinea. It is therefore necessary to bestow another specific name upon the N.W. Australian bird, and I desire the name *Ægotheles rufa* to take the place of *Æ. rufescens*.

A TRIP TO THE MALLEE AND THE GRAMPIANS.

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BY D. BEST.

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On arrival at Dimboola we spent the afternoon in looking round the township and in visiting Mr. St. E. D'Alton, who promised to show us likely spots for collecting. Accordingly we made an early start, and down by the Wimmera River, in sandy ground,